Cases Report

For Trustees and Attorneys

This lesson describes the Cases Report and how it can be generated. The Cases report presents information from the court's database with a variety of selection criteria for case management and tracking.

Internet users will access CM/ECF through PACER and will use two different sets of logins and passwords; one for CM/ECF filing and the other for PACER access to queries and reports.

This module will assume that the internet user has accessed the court's web site with their court assigned CM/ECF login and password.

STEP 1 Click on the Reports hyperlink on the CM/ECF Main Menu (See Figure 1.)



The **REPORTS** screen displays with a list of reports that can be generated (See Figure 2.)



Figure 2

Click on the Cases hyperlink.

PACER Login Notice This is a Restricted Web Site for Official Court Business only. Unauthorized entry is prohibited subject to prosecution under Title 18 of the U.S. Code. All activities and access attempts are logged. Instructions Enter your ECF login and password for electronic filing capabilities. If you do not need filing capabilities, enter your PACER login and password. If you do not have a PACER login, contact the PACER Service Center to establish an account. You may register online at http://pacer.psc.uscounts.gov or call the PACER Service Center at (2000) 676-6856 or (210) 391-6440. An access fee of \$07 per page, as approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States at its September 1998 session, will be assessed for access to this service. All imquiries will be charged to your PACER login that is kept on file. If you do not need filing capabilities, enter your PACER login and password. The Client code is provided to the PACER user as a means of tracking transactions by client. This code can be up to thirty two alphanumenic characters long. Authentication Login: Password: Client code:

STEP 3 The PACER LOGIN screen displays (See Figure 3).

Figure 3

Login Reset

NOTE:

The Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) program provides access to CM/ECF users. Logins and passwords can be issued by registration with the PACER Service Center. Current PACER logins and passwords will be accepted by the CM/ECF system. Note the information that is provided to the user on the screen above.

- Enter your PACER assigned Login and Password (These fields are case sensitive).
- ◆ Enter the **Client Code**. This optional field is used for billing by PACER users. The data will be included in PACER billing reports.

NOTE:

If you click in the **Make this my default PACER login** box, your login will automatically appear each time you attempt to access PACER. If you click on the **[Reset]** button, all entries will be cleared. To change the client code within a session, go to Change Client Code under the Utilities Menu.

◆ Click on the [Login] button.

STEP 4 The CASES REPORT selection screen displays. (See Figure 4.)

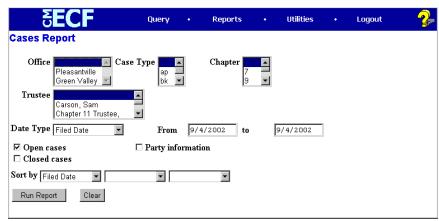


Figure 4

- ◆ The following fields are available for selecting/entering criteria for generating the Cases Report:
 - Office Allows you to specify the divisional office activity you want cases to be included on the report. The default is all offices.
 - Case Type The choices are ap Adversary Proceedings or bk - Bankruptcy. The default is all cases.
 - Chapter Cases can be selected by Chapter 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, or 304. The default is all chapters.
 - Trustee Allows you to limit case information by trustee.
 The default is all trustees
 - Date Type Allows you to specify which date is used when generating the report. The choices are Filed,
 Entered, Discharged, Dismissed, Closed, or Converted.
 The default is Filed Date.
 - From/To Enter a beginning and/or ending date. Deafult dates will vary and will be set by your local court. For one day's activity, the dates should be the same in both fields. Enter dates by MM/DD/YY or MM/DD/YYYY.
 - Open cases You can restrict activity by open or closed cases. A check mark is defaulted in this box.
 - Closed cases The option to include or exclude closed cases is available. The default in this box is no Closed cases.

- Party information Placing a check mark in this box will allow you to include additional party information along with each party(s) name (i.e., address, SSN, and TAX ID).
- Sort by Allows you to select up to three sorting order sequences for the report. The choices are Filed Date, Entered Date, Case Number, Case Type, Office or Trustee. The default is Filed Date.
- ◆ The [Clear] button will reset all fields to their default values.
- ◆ After entering your criteria, click on the [Run Report] button.
- The **CASES REPORT** displays next. (See Figure 5a.) All reports can be printed by clicking on the browser's Print button.



Figure 5a

- ◆ The following information will be displayed on the Cases Report:
 - Case No./Related Case Info Displays the assigned case number, chapter, and debtor. Clicking on the case number hyperlink will allow you to generate a Docket Report.

If the Case Type is an Adversary Proceeding **(ap)**, the "Lead" case number appears beneath the adversary case number hyperlink.

Tp (Type Proceeding) – Displays either ap or bk.

- Ch (Chapter) Displays either 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, or 304.
- Party Info Displays the debtor (and joint debtor)
 information for bankruptcy cases. Plaintiff information will
 also be displayed for ap cases.
- **Judge/Trustee** If there is a trustee on a bankruptcy case, the name appears directly below the judge's name.
- Dates Date information will include the dates the proceedings were either Filed, Converted, Dismissed, Discharged, Closed, or Entered.
- Other Info Other information may include the divisional office, asset designation, and fee status.
- ♦ A Transaction Receipt will be displayed at the end of the report summarizing the criteria used, the number of cases that were included, and number of billable pages. (See Figure 5b.)

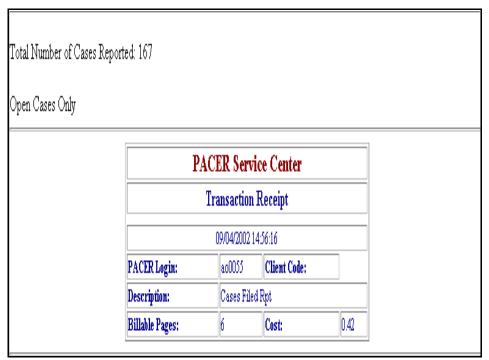


Figure 5b

 Clicking on any of the Case Number hyperlinks will display the DOCKET SHEET screen, allowing you to enter criteria for generating the Docket Report. (See Figure 5c.)

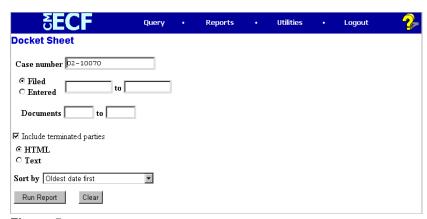


Figure 5c

NOTE: Refer to the **DOCKET REPORT** module for more information on the Docket Report.

Docket Report

For Trustees and Attorneys

This lesson describes the public Docket Report, sometimes called a Docket Sheet, and how it can be generated.

Internet users will access CM/ECF through PACER and will use two different sets of logins and passwords; one for CM/ECF filing and the other for PACER access to queries and reports.

This module will assume that the internet user has accessed the court's web site with their court assigned CM/ECF login and password.

After you have logged in to CM/ECF, click on the Reports hyperlink on the CM/ECF Main Menu (See Figure 1).



The **REPORTS** screen displays, with a list of reports that can be generated (See Figure 2).



Figure 2

Click on the Docket Report hyperlink.

STEP 3 The PACER LOGIN screen displays (See Figure 3).

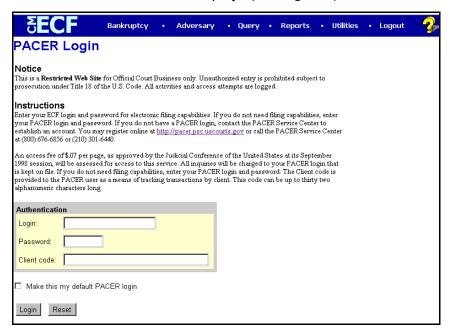


Figure 3

NOTE:

Access to any CM/ECF queries or reports by non-court users must be through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) program. If you have not done so already, you must register with the PACER Service Center to be given a login and password. Note the information that is provided to users on the screen above.

- ◆ Enter your PACER **Login** and **Password**. (These fields are case sensitive).
- Enter the Client Code (optional). This optional field is used for billing by PACER users. The data will be included in PACER billing reports.

NOTE: If you click in the Make this my default PACER login box, your login will automatically appear each time you attempt to access PACER. If you click on the [Reset] button, all entries will be cleared.

Click on the [Login] button.

STEP 4 The DOCKET REPORT selection screen displays (See Figure 4).

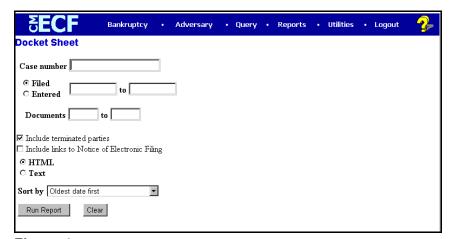


Figure 4



The following fields are available for selecting/entering criteria for generating the Docket Report:

- Case number The number of the last case you accessed during the current CM/ECF session appears automatically.
 Type another case number if you want to view the docket report for a different case. This is a required field.
- Entered/Filed To limit which entries are shown by date, select either "Entered" (when the entry was recorded by the court in CM/ECF) or "Filed" (when the document was filed).

Enter the start and stop date in the format mm/dd/yy or mm/dd/yyyy.

You can enter a start date with no end date, which will include all entries from the date specified onward, or you can enter an end date with no start date, which will include all entries up to the specified date. If no dates are entered, all entries will be selected.

- **Documents** To limit entries by document number, enter the beginning and ending numbers. This feature enables users to be charged only for the desired data on large cases.
- Include terminated parties A check mark in this box will include any parties that have been terminated from the case.
 Uncheck the box to show only current parties in the case.

- Include links to Notice of Electronic Filing A check mark in this box will cause the docket sheet to include a "silver ball" link back to a copy of the Notice of Electronic Filing that was created when the event was originally filed.
- Preferred format:

HTML - Format for Netscape or other ISP (Internet Service Provider) e-mail service. Hyperlink provided.

OR

TEXT - Format for cc:Mail, GroupWise, or other non-ISP e-mail service. Hyperlink <u>will not</u> be provided.

 Sort by – This selection allows you to sort the entries in the report by:

Oldest date first
Most recent date first
Document number ascending
Document number descending.

These selections can affect the number of pages displayed and PACER charges and may be changed if you are interested only in the most current activity.

- The [Clear] button will reset all fields to their default values.
- ◆ After entering your criteria, click on the [Run Report] button.

STEP 5: The DOCKET REPORT displays (See Figure 5a):

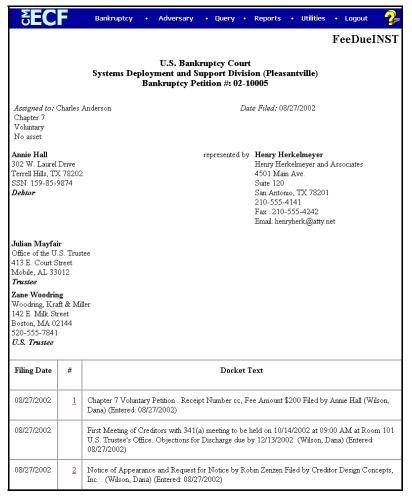


Figure 5a

NOTE: Any "Case Flags" pertaining to the status of the case will be displayed at the top-right corner of the report. This particular case has one (1) flag indicating that Fee Installment Payments are due.

 Clicking on a "blue" document number hyperlink from the docket report will <u>first</u> display a transaction receipt indicating a billable amount if the user decides to accept the charges and view the PDF document. (See Figure 5b).

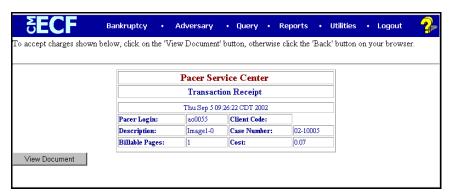


Figure 5b

NOTE: The opportunity to review charges **FIRST** applies to PDF documents only.

If you choose to accept the charges, click on the [View Document] button to view the associated PDF document and the selected document will be displayed. (See Figure 5c).

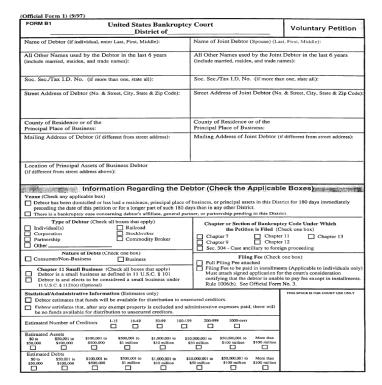


Figure 5c

◆ After viewing the PDF document, either click on the [Back] icon of your internet browser's tool bar or close Acrobat Reader to return to the previously displayed screen.

NOTE: DO NOT exit out of your document reader by using the Close "**X**" button at the top-right corner of your screen. This will exit you out of CM/ECF.

A separate Transaction Receipt will be displayed at the end of the docket report indicating the number of billable pages for the report. (See Figure 5d).

PACER Service Center Transaction Receipt 09/05/2002 09:26:15							
				PACER Login:	ao0055	Client Code:	
				Description:	Docket Report	Case Number:	02-10005
Billable Pages:	1	Cost:	0.07				

Figure 5d